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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

It was indeed a pleasure to talk with you on your recent visit.

Your letter of February 16 is acknowledged and its contents noted. There is one question I have. I am not sure whether or not you would like to have different lactose fermenters e.g. E. coli and E. intermedium from the same individual, or whether you want only one species from each person.

I believe we have a fairly simple recording system worked out and you may expect the first batch of organisms within a day or two.

I have been talking to Miss Mary Turner at Illinois Research Hospital, who isolated quite a few of the organisms you require. If you wish it, she will be glad to send such specimens as she isolates. She is, I may note, a good bacteriologist, having been graduated from this school and employed for a time in my laboratory. Should you wish to have the organisms she isolates, you may get in touch with her directly, or through me. I suggest the latter since I think we can simplify matters if Miss Turner works with my staff.

Cordially yours,



R. S. Benham

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